



March 16, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014414): Requires a criminal court judge to immediately place on administrative leave any constable who has been indicted or formally charged with a crime and to provide the constable with notice and a hearing. Requires a criminal court judge to hold in criminal contempt any constable who does not comply with the order to commence administrative leave. Authorizes a criminal court judge to suspend a constable for unethical conduct or conduct unbecoming of a constable and to remove a constable from office upon conviction of a crime.

Establishes that a constable, upon being convicted of a crime, may be ousted from office in accordance with existing procedures as defined in code.

Authorizes a constable to appeal to the court of criminal appeals any decision made by a criminal court judge under the authorities established in this legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any increase in judicial orders or hearings as a result of this legislation will be processed by state and local court systems within the normal course of business utilizing existing resources.
- Based on information from the Tennessee Constables Association, constables in Tennessee do not receive a salary or paid administrative leave from any state or local government agency.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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